

191—55.13(522C) Reinstatement or reissuance of a license after suspension, revocation or forfeiture in connection with disciplinary matters; and forfeiture in lieu of compliance.

55.13(1) Definitions and scope.

- a. The term “reinstatement” as used in this rule means the reinstatement of a suspended license.
- b. The term “reissuance” as used in this rule means the issuance of a new license following the revocation of a license, the suspension and subsequent termination of a license, or the forfeiture of a license in connection with a disciplinary matter.
- c. This rule does not apply to the reinstatement of an expired license that is not in connection with a disciplinary matter.

55.13(2) Application required. Any person licensed in Iowa as a public adjuster whose license has been revoked or suspended by order, or who forfeited a license in connection with a disciplinary matter, may apply to the commissioner for reinstatement or reissuance in accordance with the terms of the order of revocation or suspension or the order accepting the forfeiture.

- a. All proceedings for reinstatement or reissuance shall be initiated by the applicant who shall file with the commissioner an application for reinstatement or reissuance of a license. As part of the application, the applicant shall submit to a criminal history check pursuant to Iowa Code section 522B.5A.

- b. An application for reinstatement or reissuance shall allege facts which, if established, will be sufficient to enable the commissioner to determine that the basis of revocation, suspension or forfeiture of the applicant’s license no longer exists and that it will be in the public interest for the application to be granted. The burden of proof to establish such facts shall be on the applicant.

- c. A person licensed as a public adjuster may request reinstatement of a suspended license prior to the end of the suspension term.

- d. Unless otherwise provided by law, if the order of revocation or suspension did not establish terms upon which reinstatement or reissuance may occur, or if the license was forfeited, an initial application for reinstatement or reissuance may not be made until at least one year has elapsed from the date of the order of the suspension (notwithstanding paragraph 55.13(2) “c”), revocation, or acceptance of the forfeiture of a license.

55.13(3) Proceedings. All proceedings upon the application for reinstatement or reissuance, including matters preliminary and ancillary thereto, shall be held in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 17A. Such application shall be docketed in the original case in which the original license was suspended, revoked, or forfeited, if a case exists.

55.13(4) Order. An order of reinstatement or reissuance shall be based upon a written decision which incorporates findings of fact and conclusions of law. An order granting an application for reinstatement or reissuance may impose such terms and conditions as the commissioner or the commissioner’s designee deems desirable, which may include one or more of the types of disciplinary sanctions provided by this chapter and Iowa Code chapter 522C. The order shall be a public record, available to the public, and may be disseminated in accordance with Iowa Code chapters 22 and 505.

55.13(5) Suspension in relation to expiration date. When a public adjuster’s license has been suspended for a period of time which extends beyond the public adjuster’s license expiration date, the license will terminate at the license expiration date and the public adjuster must request reinstatement pursuant to subrule 55.10(2). If suspension for a period of time ends prior to the public adjuster’s license expiration date and the public adjuster has met all applicable requirements, the division shall reinstate the license as soon as practicable but no earlier than the end of the suspension period. The commissioner is not prohibited from denying reinstatement or bringing an additional immediate action if the public adjuster has engaged in misconduct during the period of suspension.

55.13(6) Voluntary forfeiture. A submission of voluntary forfeiture of a license shall be made in writing to the commissioner. Forfeiture of a license is effective upon submission unless a contested case proceeding is pending at the time of submission. If a contested case proceeding is pending, the forfeiture shall become effective when and upon such conditions as required by order of the commissioner. A forfeiture made during the pendency of a contested case proceeding is considered disciplinary action and shall be published in the same manner as is applicable to any other form of disciplinary order.

55.13(7) *Forfeiture in lieu of compliance.* A license may be voluntarily forfeited in lieu of compliance with an order of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee with the written consent of the commissioner. The forfeiture shall become effective when and upon such conditions as required by order of the commissioner, which may include one or more of the types of disciplinary sanctions provided by this chapter and Iowa Code chapter 522C.
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